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TITLE: Diagnosis of Spongiform Disease

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

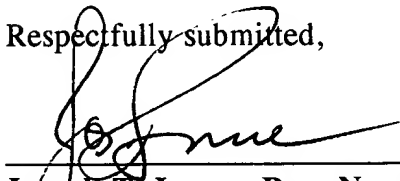
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To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, for one month from May 5, 2004, to June 5, 2004. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$55 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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